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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: ANTI- DRUG CAMPAIGN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ

REF: A. CIUDAD JUAREZ A-11 OF MARCH 2, 1973

B. BNDD 1419

1. AT SAME TIME THAT MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON " OPERATION CACTUS" (MEXICO 1519), GOM HAS BEEN MOVING IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR WAY AGAINST NARCOTICS VIOLATORS IN CIUDAD JUAREZ AREA. ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA DISPATCHED SPECIAL 10- MAN FORCE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF LIC. RICARDO DE LOS RIOS GARCIA TO AREA TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFICKING. ONE OF FIRST ACTS OF THAT GROUP WAS TO PLACE TWO FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AGENTS UNDER ARREST. THESE TWO, JESUS MARTINEZ CABRERA AND EDUARDO VALDEZ URANGA, ALLEGEDLY WERE PROTECTING KNOWN TRAFFICKERS.

2. SEVERAL ARRESTS AND SEIZURES HAVE BEEN MADE (EMBASSY COMMENDS TO ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON END-USERS EXCELLENT REPORT -- REFERENCE (A) SUBMITTED BY CONSUL BRUNO.) WARRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR ARREST OF INFAMOUS " SHOOTING GALLERY" OPERATOR " LA NACHA" AND HER GRANDSON " EL ARABE." ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT REACHING EMBASSY MARCH 14 WAS THAT FORMER HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRESTED AND HER BANK ACCOUNT IN AMOUNT OF SOME THREE
MILLION DOLLARS IMPOUNDED.

3. COMMENT: US LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH LONG
EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO AND ALONG BORDER REPORT THAT THEY
CAN RECALL NO PRECEDENT FOR VIGOR WITH WHICH THIS
CAMPAIGN IS PROCEEDING. ALTHOUGH CASE IS STILL UN-
FOLDING, RESULTS TO DATE INDICATE THAT " TASK FORCE"
TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED IN SAN LUIS COLORADO AND NOW CIUDAD
JUAREZ CAN BE EFFECTIVE. BEYOND IMMEDIATE ARRESTS AND
SEIZURES, WE WOULD HOPE THAT WORD STILL SPREAD TO OTHER
AREAS AND HAVE SALUTORY DISTRUPTIVE EFFECT. INDEED REPORTS ABOUT
PRESSURE BEING APPLIED IN NUEVO LAREDO AREA SEEMS TO
HAVE HAD SUCH RESULTS.
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